

St. Clare of Assisi

1194 to 1253

Feast Day:

August 11



[Virgin](#), [Mystic](#) and [Religious](#)
Foundress of the Order of Poor
Ladies and the Monastic Order for
Women in the Franciscan Order

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Detail depicting Saint Clare from a
fresco (c. 1320) by [Simone Martini](#) in
the [Lower basilica of San Francesco](#),
Assisi

The Cord

August, 2021

Newsletter of the San Luis Rey
Secular Franciscan Fraternity

Our Monthly Gatherings are on the
2nd Sundays of the month

In-Person at Mission San Luis Rey:

- **August Monthly General Gathering ~**
Sunday, August 8th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
10am – 11am:
Reconnect Time: Coffee & Camaraderie in the
O'Keefe Refreshment Lounge
11am – Noon:
Celebrating Mass as a Community with Fr. Tom
Herbst OFM, St. Clare Chapel
Noon – 1pm:
Brown-bag lunch together in the O'Keefe
Refreshment Lounge
1pm – 3pm:
General gathering in the Guadalupe Room of the
Old Mission ([also on Zoom](#))

Upcoming Gatherings on Zoom:

- **August Vespers in Honor of St. Clare ~**
Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Login Link: www.zoom.us
Click on: [Join a Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
Password: 1798

Contact Us via our website [Contact Page](#)
San Luis Rey Secular Franciscan Fraternity
Mission San Luis Rey
4050 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92057

Minister's Note for August



The joy abounds – we have so much to celebrate in August: the Feast of St. Clare, the Feast of San Luis Rey, and yes, finally, the opportunity for us to come together as a Fraternity in person at our gathering on August 8th. Share the joy as we celebrate Mass together with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM in the St. Clare Chapel and host Fr. Tom as our guest speaker for the day reflecting on ‘Homecoming.’ After all, this entire Christian journey – is a journey *home*.

As a community, we are blessed with so many amazing people walking each day following Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi. They reflect the many different ways to be ‘Franciscan’ and helping to bring Christ’s light to the world.

In August we celebrate the first Franciscan woman, Clare of Assisi. Clare was a contemplative and referred to herself as Francis’ ‘little plant’ (you’ll often see her in iconography portrayed with a plant). Clare was the ‘little plant’ that helped to seed a forest of goodness in the world. Clare defied the male authority figures in her family to follow this little poor man from Assisi. She defied the wealth into which she was born to embrace a life of poverty. She defied her aristocratic status to embrace the lowly. *Clare was a radical.*



Clare created a community of ladies, the Poor Clares, in which sisters of noble and poor birth worked and prayed together, unusual – and even radical, at that time. The Rule is the document that outlines the ideals and way of life for a particular community. Usually, the Rule of life for women’s orders were written for them by their counterpart male community. Clare was the first founder of women’s religious order **ever** that wrote her own Rule of Life and had it approved by the Pope. Clare blazed a path that women that have followed over the centuries. We are blessed to have one such woman a part of our Secular Franciscan community. 800 years after Clare, our own Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald OSC, is one of Clare’s sisters – and like Clare, is a ‘little plant’... that grows into a forest of good in the world.

The Transitus of St. Clare – Vespers on August 11th – Please reserve St. Clare’s feast day, Wednesday, August 11th, for a ‘Transitus of Clare’ vespers at 7pm via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>



Please mark your calendars for August 27th. St. Luis the King of France, the patron saint of the Secular Franciscan Order was another such person influenced by St. Francis. Mission San Luis Rey Parish will be honoring his feast day on Friday evening August 27th with an outdoor Mass in front of the Old Mission have been invited to be a part of the celebration: attending Mass at 5:30pm, walking in a Procession with the banners Joe Cannon created, and hosting a booth and fundraising with calligraphy that Fr. Franklin Fong OFM had gifted to us for such a cause. **Please mark your calendars We will have sign-up sheets at our**

August 8th gathering and via email. – it would be good for us to be a part in bringing this joyful Franciscan influence into the world. For those that are able, your participation that evening would be **greatly appreciated. Please bring a folding chair for Mass.**

Pace e Bene +

Laura Chun, OFS, Minister, SLR Fraternity



St. Roch de Montpellier (aka Rocco/Rock) OFS

Feast Day August 17 (d. 1378) Information taken from <https://www.roman-catholic-saints.com>

Our OFS brother, St. Roch is the patron of many things and places. Most images show him with a dog, walking stick, and often showing a leg wound.

He was born into wealth as the son of the governor of the town of Montpellier, France. He bore a distinctive birthmark in the form of a cross on his breast which later proved helpful at his death.

At age twenty both of his parents died and he inherited an immense fortune which he promptly transferred to his uncle. He then joined the Third Order of St. Francis and began a pilgrimage to Rome. During this time many plagues ravaged Europe. As he traveled he stopped to help those suffering. When he finally arrived in Rome, an epidemic had broken out there too. He spent much time caring for the sick and many were miraculously cured.

Eventually he too contracted this dread disease. Not wanting to burden others with his care he found a hut in the woods to live in. Here he experienced God's mercy by means of a dog from a neighboring house that would show up frequently with bread and stayed to lick his wounds.

He recovered and decided to return to his native town where a war was now raging. The soldiers he encountered thought he was a spy because of his refusal to disclose his identity. Even his own uncle (now governor) did not recognize him in this emaciated condition. He was cast into prison where he remained forgotten for five years before his death.

Near death, he requested a priest for the last sacraments. During his visit the priest experienced many supernatural happenings, one being a tablet appearing on the wall with Roch's name and assurance to those who would invoke his intercession, delivery from the plague. These reports resulted in his uncle and Roch's grandmothers arrival to his cell. His grandmother identified him by his birthmark.

He was canonized by Pope Urban VIII. Now it is understandable why he is the patron saint of contagious diseases, dogs, pilgrims, falsely accused persons plus many others. We too can ask him to help us as we still struggle worldwide with the pandemic. St. Roch, pray for all those still affected.



Saint Roch, by [Francesco Ribalta](#), c. 1625, Museo de Bellas Artes, Valencia.



*Jan DeSpain, OFS
Director of Formation*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (item 966) states: The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things.

What does Catholicism teach about the assumption of Mary? And why is this event contemplated in the fourth glorious mystery? Let us begin by considering a few key points from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (see 966).

In discussing the assumption, the Catechism affirms that Mary did not suffer from original sin but was conceived full of grace. According to this doctrine, known as the Immaculate Conception, God's supernatural life dwelt in Mary from the very beginning of her existence.

It is important to emphasize that from a Catholic perspective, the Immaculate Conception is not simply about Mary. This doctrine, which has its roots in early Christianity, ultimately is about the mystery of Jesus Christ. God became man in Mary's womb. Since Jesus truly is the all-holy God, the Second Person of the Trinity, Catholics believe he is worthy to dwell in a pure vessel, a holy temple. Thus, it is fitting that God would prepare Mary as an immaculate dwelling place, full of grace and not stained by sin, for the God-man.

The annunciation scene in Luke's Gospel may at least point in this direction. The angel Gabriel greets Mary, "Hail, full of grace." The Greek word in Luke's Gospel for "full of grace" (Luke 1:28) is in a perfect passive participle form, which would indicate that Mary already has been filled with God's saving grace, even before Jesus was conceived in her womb. As we will see, the Immaculate Conception will serve as a basis for understanding Mary's assumption

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The Catechism affirms that Mary was taken body and soul into heavenly glory right at the end of her earthly life. One of the consequences of original sin is the corruption of the body (see CCC, 400; Genesis 3:19). If Mary was full of grace and did not suffer from original sin, it is fitting that she, like her son, would not experience such bodily corruption.

Biblical Assumptions

Mary's Death?

The Catechism teaches that Mary was taken to heaven when the course of her earthly life was finished. The Church does not declare whether Mary died and then was assumed into heaven or whether she was assumed before she died. It leaves open both possibilities. However, the majority of theologians and saints throughout the centuries have affirmed that Mary did experience death—not as a penalty for sin but in conformity to her son, who willingly experienced death on our behalf. In support of this latter view, John Paul II said, "The Mother is not superior to the Son who underwent death, giving it a new meaning and changing it into a means of salvation."

Although there are no explicit proof texts in Scripture for Mary's assumption, some biblical themes may at least shed light on this doctrine. For example, the notion of being taken up into heaven has some precedent in Scripture. Enoch was taken into heaven without seeing death (see Hebrews 11:5), and Elijah was whisked into heaven by the chariots of fire at the end of his life (see 2 Kings 2:11). If God could assume these righteous men of the Old Testament, it is certainly possible that Jesus could assume his own mother as well.

Even more, since the Bible presents Mary as the first Christian disciple, it is fitting that she would be the first to receive the blessings of following Christ. In the New Testament, Mary is presented as the first to hear God's word and accept it at the annunciation (see Luke 1:38, 45). She responds to God's word promptly by going in haste to help Elizabeth. She also describes herself as a servant of the Lord (see Luke 1:38, 48).



Mary remains faithful to her son, following him even to the cross (see John 19:25–27), where she experiences the fulfillment of Simeon's prophecy at the Presentation: "A sword will pierce through your own soul also" (Luke 2:35).

She perseveres in faith throughout her life. She gathers with the apostles for prayer even after her son's ascension (see Acts 1:14). Thus, the New Testament presents a clear portrait of Mary as the first and preeminent disciple of Christ, who hears the word of God and keeps it in her heart.

Since one of the blessings promised to all faithful disciples is victory over death, it is fitting that Mary, who is the first and model disciple of Christ, would be the first to receive this blessing. Catholics thus believe that the privilege of resurrection promised to all faithful Christians was given first to Mary and in a totally unique way.

While the rest of us hope to have our bodies raised to glory at the end of time, Mary experienced the resurrection and glorification of her body at the moment her earthly life ended. Thus, her assumption—which flows from her unique participation in Christ's victory as the mother of the Savior and as the first and most faithful of Christ's followers—anticipates to some degree our own share in the fullness of that victory if we persevere as followers of Christ.

An Event of Love

Finally, let us consider what a moment the Assumption must have been for Mary! In describing this scene, some Church Fathers spoke of Jesus himself coming back to earth to take his mother and bring her to her heavenly home. More recently, John Paul II said that the Assumption truly was an event of love, in which Mary's ardent longing to be with her son was finally fulfilled. In fact, many paintings of the Assumption portray Mary rising in splendor on a cloud to heaven, received by the angels with trumpets and celebration, and reunited joyfully with her beloved son.

From an article by Edward Siri

As Franciscans we are very aware of St. Francis' devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Rule, article 9). Francis placed the OFS under her protection.

*Elizabeth B. Mavis, OFS
Councilor & Formator*



Mama Chiara

A Light That Would Enlighten The World

She was pious and joyful.

She was enjoying her intense praying...and slowly she was living a heavenly life.

Francis was passionate, imaginative, a dreamer, an adventurer, a lover of the good life and of the poor.

When she was received by him and his companions at the Portziuncola it was filled with candles and springtime flowers.

Enclosed at San Damiano the sisters physical and spiritual needs were met by brothers nearby.

Her life was full of miracles and poverty.

Miracles of bread and oil.

Miracles on behalf of others, of those outside their enclosure and of those who sought healing from within and for Assisi.

“Listen poor ladies by God called,
Who arrived from many places and provinces,
Live always in truth
That you can die in obedience.
Do not look to the worldly life
Because that of the spirit is much better...”~Francis

She was given great graces in the later quiet of her life.

Supernatural hearing while infirm and left behind for Christmas festivities.

Succor of the OFM and the mighty on her death bed.

Our Blessed Mother covering her in burial veil.

And the Bull: Sicut manifestum est (Pope Innocent III, Bishop) On The Privilege Of Poverty~For the Foundress and Sisters of the Poor Clares, in hand~free to go...

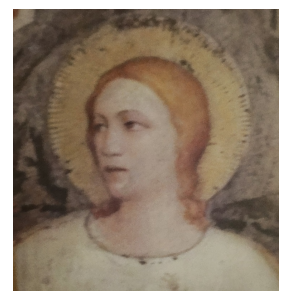
“Brilliant because of her clear merits, shining in Heaven because of her clear glory, and on earth resplendent because of her sublime miracles...”~Bull of canonization



*Kelly Farnum, OFS
Secretary*



St. Clare of Assisi



Loving God's Creation – In Your Back Yard

Now with summer in full swing, it seems appropriate to offer some practical suggestions for the Care of Creation close to home. The Humane Society sourced these tips on making outdoor spaces a safe and enjoyable for wildlife, people and pets.

Provide water

Whether it's winter, summer, or in between, our animal friends need reliable sources of fresh water. A simple birdbath, or a small pond, is welcome relief for thirsty birds.

Natural Food Sources

Our native plants – the bushes, plants and trees that naturally thrive in this environment– also provide food for local wildlife. And with the addition of a birdfeeder, more lovely songbirds visit our yard.

Skip the lawn chemicals

Chemical-laden fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides are harmful to wildlife, as well as pets and children.

Make your windows bird-safe

Window screens can prevent birds from flying into windows. Tape strips, external shades or awnings will also do the job. See the full story here: <https://www.humaneociety.org/resources/make-your-windows-bird-safe>

Lawn or No Lawn

Homeowner's association (HOA) permitting, leaving part of the lawn uncut can provide a better habitat for wildlife. Alternatively, a water-wise garden using native plants can save water and feed birds, squirrels and other wildlife. Avoid artificial turf.

Befriend the Bees

Bees are important pollinators. They visit our flowering trees, shrubs and herbs, gathering nectar. Bees are not dangerous: left alone, they keep busy pollinating our fruit trees, vegetables and flowers.

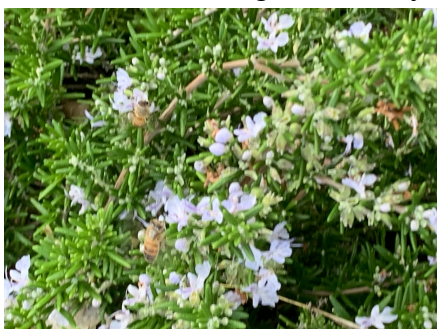
Help the bugs (they're animals, too)

Insects are 70% of the animal kingdom, and a big help to gardeners. By choosing ecological and animal-friendly approaches to insect control, we keep beneficial insects to our yard and avoid poisoning pets and children.

Keep cats inside

For their own safety and that of birds and wildlife, all cats are "indoor cats."

Bees on Blooming Rosemary



Buds on a Lemon Tree



Karron Esmonde, OFS



Feast of San Luis Rey - August 27th



Please mark your calendars for August 27th. St. Luis the King of France, the patron saint of the Secular Franciscan Order, will be celebrated on his feast day at the Old Mission. Please join us in this celebration through your prayer, and if you are able, in person.

We are part of a global Secular Franciscan community. I've really appreciated the [Secular Franciscan national website in Australia](#). They have an incredible reflection on St. Louis, excerpted below:

Saint Louis was born in 1214, he was crowned King of France at age 12 on the 8th of November 1226 less than a month after Saint Francis of Assisi died. Until he came of age his Spanish mother Blanche of Castile was regent of France, a position she would also very capably hold when he went on his first Crusade. She trained her son Louis to be a great leader and a good Christian and demanded of him the highest ideals.

That he was not only capable of living up to her expectations, but surpassed them in so many ways show the strength of his character. He was a great King and his children, to whom he left a letter which outlines what he felt were the important things he wanted to share with them gives us a look into his mind. Those children would rule France for the next 500 years even if they never equaled his holiness. Having the responsibility of ruling probably the most powerful country in Europe at that time, and being an example to every other monarch is no light thing.

The foundation of his spiritual life is love, the primacy of God in his being and his actions. "My lord God first served". Louis worked hard on this throughout his life. In order to be able to assume his crushing responsibilities, he daily attends Holy Mass, recites the Divine office every day, reads the Word of God assiduously. "Look first and foremost for the kingdom of God. The rest will be given to you in addition". He shows a tender and filial love to Our Lady, whom he salutes every evening with fifty genuflections, each accompanied by an Ave Maria. He frequently gets up at night to pray. He goes to confession every Friday and demands as penitence disciplinary beatings, in unity with his Lord in flagellation, and fasts often. He lives in great frugality, dressing modestly when the exercise of his function does not force him to wear the official dress of his rank.

He often receives saint Thomas Aquinas and saint Bonaventure to dine with him, both of them giants in science and wisdom, great theologians and mendicant brothers, Franciscan and Dominican. With the same simplicity and ease, he receives the poor, every day, at his table.

Take a look at their articles [here](#) and [here](#).

May we follow in his example, taking our Franciscan spirituality and bringing it to our secular lives in the world.

Pace e Bene +, Laura Chun, OFS, Minister, SLR Fraternity

THE FEAST OF SAN LUIS REY

August 27th, 2021

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a festive Mass starting at 5:30 p.m. on the steps of the Mission Church in celebration of the Feast of St. Louis of France, the Patron Saint of Mission San Luis

Rey. There will be the traditional Procession of the Saint, food sales, and multi-cultural entertainment after Mass.

Please bring a folding chair with you for outdoor seating at Mass. Invite your family and friends and celebrate!

A map with instructions for seating and parking will be available soon!



Coming Together in Person, August 8th

Fraternity Mass with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM



Wow. We have come so far together. Our Fraternity has done an amazing job during the pandemic remaining connected as a community via the Cord Newsletter and Zoom. *It's finally time to go home.* Please join us as we come together in person for the first time since the pandemic on Sunday, August 8th: Share the joy as we celebrate Mass together with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM in the St. Clare Chapel as part of our day together. Here's our schedule for August 8th:

- 10am – 11am: Reconnect Time - Coffee in the O'Keefe Refreshment Lounge
- 11am – Noon: Celebrating Mass as a Community with Fr. Tom Herbst OFM, in the St. Clare Chapel
- Noon – 1pm: Brown-bag lunch in the O'Keefe Refreshment Lounge
- 1pm – 3pm: General gathering in the Guadalupe Room of the Old Mission (also on Zoom)

If you're unable to attend, *you'll still be connected*: we will share the General Gathering between 1pm-3pm on our usual Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 11th for Vespers!



In honor of St. Clare, lit your candle and join us on Zoom on **August 11th at 7pm** for praying the psalms together with our fraternity brothers and sisters.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

Prayer Requests from our Fraternity

Please pray for:

- ❖ Healing for Carol Imhoff, OFS, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Kidney Disease. Kidney disease is an ailment that can't be reversed, but it can be slowed and even stopped with proper care and control.
- ❖ Marian Elizabeth 'Buffy' Bree, sister of Sam DeSantis, OFS who passed away June 28. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.
- ❖ Deacon Don Gath who went to our Lord on June 19th. He is the husband of Tina Gath, Minister of St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity. Please remember Tina and Deacon Don in your prayers.
- ❖ Linda Ochwat, OFS that she soon find satisfactory housing, and regain her physical health.



[News from the Fraternity Council](#)

From our Director of Formation:

August Formation News

Formation Retreat: August 7, 2021 10 am to 5pm

This month Inquirers Carolyn, Gina, Linda, Pam and Caroline will gather with Candidate Heidi and Dottie in a combined retreat experience they are all looking forward to, especially since some of them will be meeting each other IN PERSON for the first time. Hallelujah!!

Our Inquirers are preparing to enter Candidacy and Heidi will be professed on Saturday, October 2nd with four or five others from the Region. Dottie has faithfully traveled with Heidi in renewal formation for life in fraternity.

More will be shared on the Profession after a planning meeting in August.

The theme of our retreat is taken from the words of St. John Paul II to the participants of the Tenth General Chapter of the OFS in 2002.

***Duc in Altum!* "Put Out Into the Deep"**

The formation team and council is grateful to the prayer partners who are lovingly accompanying them in prayer on this special day.

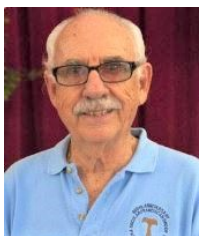
The timing for all this happening when we can finally join together again is so wonderful. Looking forward to Franciscan hugs, fist bumps, or whatever you are comfortable with.



*Jan DeSpain, OFS
Director of Formation*



From our Treasurer



You can mail your OFS fraternity contributions to:

**Rock DeSpain, OFS
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Secular Franciscan Regional & National News

EXCITING NEWS

THIS IS IT, MOMENT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!

REGISTER

FOR OUR 20TH QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS

3-7 AUGUST 2022 IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY AUGUST 1, 2021

**Everything you need to know
about registering and attending the Q
is posted on our national website!**

Click on [Quinquennial](#) or use these handy links:

[General Information](#) will answer many of your questions.

Check out the [Q Registration Countdown](#) and be notified when Registration opens.

Download, print and distribute the [Q Flyer](#)

Pray for the success of the Q using our special [Q Prayer Cards](#)

See the daily [Schedule of Events](#)

Read about our [Keynote Speakers](#)

See the descriptions of our 30 [Breakout Sessions](#)

Learn about our [Q Service Project](#)

***Please spread the word to all Franciscans and friends!
All are welcome!***



Save the Date!

The Saint Francis Region
will gather for a
PICNIC

on

SEPTEMBER 25, 2021 from 10 to 2
FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!



MASON REGIONAL PARK

18712 University Drive
Irvine, CA 92612

\$5.00 Entrance Fee Per Car
(Carpool, if possible)

Picnic Shelter #6

BRING FOOD TO SHARE!

The REC will supply plates, napkins, cups & utensils.

**Volleyball Court, Horse Shoe Toss Area,
And lots of Play Space.**

Bring games, smiles, and laughter!

LET US SHARE FRANCISCAN JOY!



Fr. Tom Herbst OFM - The Life and Legacy of St. Augustine



Fr. Tom is back in town and WOW. There are three ways to participate in his class this summer – the Life and Legacy of St. Augustine: in person in either live in person or via Zoom the morning (09:30 – 11:30am) or in the evening (7pm – 9pm). The class is each Tuesday between July 27th and August 31st. You can learn more at the Retreat Center website: <https://www.sanluisrey.org/> . As a Secular Franciscan, to register please call the Retreat Center directly at [\(760\) 757-3651](tel:7607573651) , ask to register for your preferred course, and **identify yourself as a Secular Franciscan from the San Luis Rey Fraternity to qualify for a discount. Due to Social Distancing, there is a limit to 35 in-person participants.** Please check out the Retreat Center website for all their wonderful new offerings!

For the Augustine course, each week Fr. Tom will share new insights on the lasting impact of St. Augustine's life, writings, theology, and spirituality. Fr. Tom's teaching style is accessible to all, relatable, and easy to understand. No experience necessary!

Tom Herbst, OFM

Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM is a scholar, teacher, chaplain, storyteller, artist and friar of the Province of Saint Barbara. He has a BA in History, M.Div and MA in Theology from Franciscan School of Theology, and D.Phil in Theology from University of Oxford. Fields of interest include Franciscan studies, historical and systemic theology, Christian iconography, and scripture with special reference to the Gospel of John. His newest publication, Pocket Bonaventure, includes original artwork and is a whimsical and refreshingly accessible presentation of the theology, philosophy, and spiritual anthropology of St. Bonaventure.



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Franciscan School of Theology Summer Programs



2021 Franciscan Zoom Lecture Series #12

FST is offering several online programs this summer a part of their Franciscan Spiritual and Social Vision series.

- August 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m. PDT - Dr. Ilia Delio, OSF: Franciscan Wisdom in an Age of Science

[REGISTER HERE](#) for the link sent the day of the lecture



To join by Computer, Laptop, Tablet, SmartPhone App:

- Click or Go to this [link](#) (full link is below):
- If prompted use: Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

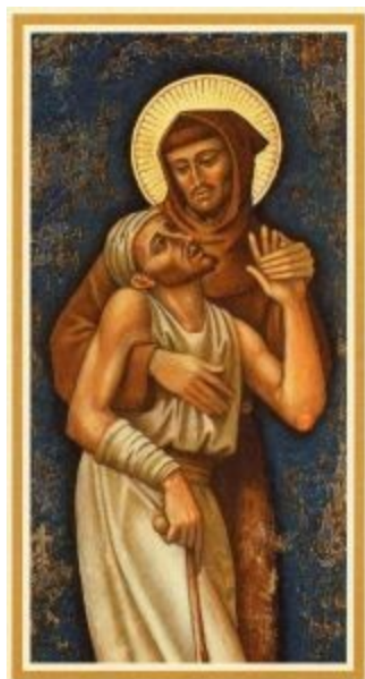
To join by landline or audio-only Phone (no video):

- Dial this number (it's in San Jose): 1-669-900-6833
- Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>



Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially: :



❖ For those who died in the month of August~~~✝

- August 7, 2013
- August 13, 2003
- August 20, 1996
- August 26, 2016

- Alice Pritchard, OFS**
- Julia Nick Dexter, OFS**
- Irving Sussman, OFS**
- William 'Bill' Haynes, OFS**

- ❖ For healing for Carol Imhoff OFS
- ❖ For the sister of Sam DeSantis, OFS, Marian Elizabeth Bree (Buffy).
- ❖ For Deacon Don Gath who went to our Lord on June 19th. He is the husband of Tina Gath, Minister of St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity. Please remember Tina and Deacon Don in your prayers.
- ❖ For the brother of Dr. Marta Kassai, OFS, Dénes Kassai.
- ❖ For husband of Karron Esmonde, OFS, Gary.
- ❖ For grandson of Connie Collins, OFS, Gabriel.
- ❖ For husband of Eileen Costa, OFS, Bob and Linda Ochwat, OFS.
- ❖ For Linda Ochwat, OFS that she soon find satisfactory housing, and regain her physical health.

From the Editor: Thank you all for your contributions to this month issue of The Cord. Due to change in our monthly general gathering date to second Sundays, please submit your articles, reports or adds by the 25th of the month to publish in next month issue. Send your Word or Pages files (font Arial 12 pt, if possible) and any photos (jpg or png) via email to: mksfo@me.com. Thanks, Marta

Dr. Marta M. Kassai, OFS

